

Providence Jan^y 9th '48

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I therefore propose that if the citizens of the town of Weyland, within 30 days from this 10th of Jan^y, will raise by subscription or otherwise the sum of \$500, for the purchase of a town library, I will add to it the same sum (\$500) as soon as I am informed that the said subscription is completed. The books I am called upon to select shall I be pleased. The citizens will make their own selection of books & govern the library according to their own pleasure. If the subscription be not filled up within the time specified, I shall take it for granted that the town is already well supplied with books & therefore that the offer I have made is needless.

It is my special direction that my name be not divulged in the carrying on of this business, & that the person making the offer be spoken of simply as

"as a friend of the town of Wayland.

Regretting the trouble I give you in
this business I remain.

Dear Sir -

Yours truly -

Signed (H. W.)

Honble E. Miller

Wayland.

Jan. 9, 1848

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